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## THE PROTECTOR.

BY HAROLD BINDLOSS.

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CHAPTER XXXL—Continued.

There was nothing to do but wait, and Evelyn again waited, and her thoughts led him to Vane's room alone. The latter's face was very impulsive, though Carroll waited in tense suspense while the doctor was engaged in the business and the supports from the adjoining. He examined it attentively, and then looked round at Carroll.

"You fixed that limb when it was broken in the first place," said Vane.

"Yes," said Carroll, with a desperate attempt to treat the matter humorously. "But I really think it's both bad in the thing. My partner, father, and mother, his views, disclaim some of the responsibility."

"Then I guess you've been remarkably fortunate, which is perhaps the best way of expressing it."

Vane raised his head and fixed his eyes upon the speaker. "It won't have to be rebroken? I'll be able to walk without a limp?"

"I don't think it's possible."

Vane's eyes glistered, and he let his head fall back.

"It's good news, better than I expected. Now if you could fix me up again, I'd like to get dressed. I've felt like a hole long enough."

The doctor smiled indulgently. "We can venture to change that state of affairs, but I think not in the short time."

It was some time before Vane's toilet was completed, and then Carroll surveyed him with humorous admiration.

"It's a pity you do us credit, and now I suppose I can announce that you're ready," he said.

Nairn and his wife and Evelyn came in, and the two women, who had been with Vane very heartily, afterwards looked down at him with twinkling eyes.

"I've been glad to see you, however, but I don't think he's in the way I could have wished to welcome you," said Vane's wife.

"What a man won't take his friend's advice, what can he expect?"

Nairn smiled. "Let it be a warning. If the making of your mark and dollars is your object, you must stick to it, and think of nothing else. We've had a man like that, a swindler, and, as far as I can see, he's a scamp from a man who has admitted stolen it, and who forms one of a gang of adventurers staying in the Cairo Hotel. After that romance can run riot for a time."

"I don't, but that is too fast for the sake of the reader, who will find this a particularly fresh and unusual story."

(THIS END)

## OUR NEW STORY.

Our new story, which will be begun in the "Sydney Morning Herald" to-morrow Saturday, is called "The Carpet from Bagdad," and is decidedly original work by Harold Macmillan. The author has placed American bribe-taking and visiting in his tale, and he has got to the point. The scene is laid in Cairo, where George Percival Algernon Jones is representing a big New York firm dealing in carpets. He is a man of high character, but romance comes to him by way of early in the story, however, he buys what he wants, and, as far as I can see, he's a scamp from a man who has admitted stolen it, and who forms one of a gang of adventurers staying in the Cairo Hotel. After that romance can run riot for a time."

## COUNTRY TRADERS.

## DEFAULTING DEBTORS.

The new committee of the Country Traders' Association met yesterday at the association's room in Moore-street. Mr. A. Shaeckel, of Cowra, in the absence of Mr. G. Nankervis, presided.

The question of dealing with defaulting debtors was discussed, and a scheme was decided upon, which it was considered would be safe to avoid being serious and to give her thoughts free rein.

"I agree with you in one respect," she said. "But I don't believe that the subject mentioned is Mr. Vane's case. He would never be willing to pay the necessary price."

"It was a delicate compliment uttered in all sincerity, and Vane was very much taken aback, but he was too good a man to let her expression but she ventured to give her thoughts free rein.

"Well," he said, "looking for human rights is an art that I have lost, but the doctor banished it. I'd better leave that I'd no great confidence in Carroll's surgery."

Carroll, who had been on the line the others had chosen, made him an ironical bow, but Evelyn was not to be deceived.

"It was foolish of you to be troubled," she declared. "It's a fact to be wounded is an honourable fight, and even if the mark remains there is no reason why one should be ashamed."

Mrs. Nairn glared at the girl rather sharply, but Carroll came to his comrade's assistance.

"Strictly speaking, there wasn't a wound," he pointed out. "Fortunately, it was what is known as a simple fracture. If it had been anything else, I'm inclined to think I couldn't have had it."

Nairn chuckled, as if this met with his approval, but his wife turned him and they heard a patter of footsteps on the floor above.

"Well, we're in for a treat, I suppose," she said. "I left word I was not to be disturbed. Well!"—as the door opened.

"The reception room's plumb full," announced the maid, who was lately alone from the bush. "If any more folks come along, I sure won't be able to get rid of a simple fracture."

"I guess he'll be able to see them," Carroll answered. "We'll hold the lobby. If he'd only let me, I'd like to punch him in the nose."

Mrs. Nairn glared at Evelyn again, but she did instead, re-arranging the cushions about the man, in spite of his confused and half-indignant protest; and during the next half-hour the two women, who had been in the room, made sympathetic inquiries, or exchanged cheerful banter, until Mrs. Nairn forcibly dismissed the last of them. After that she declared that she must go, and had no time to do so, but her assertion that he had not the least wish to do so, she left her remaining companion away.

A couple of hours had passed when she handed Evelyn a large tumbler containing a preparation of whipped-up eggs and milk.

"You know, I'm not in the habit of eating, but I would like anything else," she said. "I'm weary of the stairs and I would not trust Minnie. She's bad at spilling things."

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## THE GREAT STRIKES.

## RAILWAY GRIEVANCES.

## DEMANDS OF THE MEN.

## CASE FOR THE MANAGERS.

## CONFERENCE WITH MR. BUXTON.

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Mr. Sidney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, convened this morning with the railway managers, & in the afternoon with representatives of the railmen, with whom he had a conference at the Albert Dock.

The latter complained of the slowness of the conciliation & hours procedure, & asked the managers to postpone the settlement of grievances.

The crux of the situation centres in the recognition of the unions. It is conceded that this would enable the men to be represented on the conciliation board by clever representatives from headquarters, than by local shunters and porters.

It is claimed that the latter are intimidated or deterred from pressing for good terms lest they should be victimised by the employers.

The North Eastern Company alone recognises this handicap, & allows unions to serve on the board.

The employers, on the other hand, attribute the labour dissatisfaction to the economies of management, owing to new legal obligations. Soft jobs have been eliminated, and the men are worked more intensively, though the hours have been reduced.

LONDON, Aug. 17.

The general railway strike is not likely to commence today.

Mr. Churchill, following up yesterday's conference, expressed a desire to meet the executive of the railway men's unions. The latter has acquiesced, and are coming to London to confer.

In the meanwhile section meetings of railway men have agreed to obey all call to a general strike.

## RAILWAY MANAGERS' FIRM.

## PREPARED FOR GENERAL STRIKE.

When interviewed after their determination to stand firm, they consider that their direct meeting with the men is violating the existing agreement regarding the conciliation board, which the Government imposed.

It is understood that the companies forewarning trouble adopted precautions a month ago to arrange for skeleton services in the event of a strike.

After the conference to-day Sir Guy Granet, general manager of the Midland Railway, announced on behalf of the railway managers that the Government having promised the companies ample protection they would continue the services, and the directors were prepared, even in the event of a general railway strike, to give an effective though restricted railway service.

Aug. 17.

The "Daily Mail" reports that Mr. Buxton, at yesterday's conference, asked the companies to meet the union officials half-way, but they refused.

## TO SETTLE THE JOB.

## RAILWAY MEN'S MANIFESTO.

LONDON, Aug. 17.

The railway workers have issued a manifesto demanding the same opportunities for combination as other workers.

They also demand that their wages and hours should be settled by their own union, and they have announced that they will accept nothing less, as they want to "settle the job now once and for all."

Only a fourth of the railway employees are members of trades unions.

The Midland Railway Company has offered their loyalist employees a bonus of 50 per cent. on their wages during the currency of the strike.

There are 21,000 military reservists employed in the various railways, whom the Government may summon to the colours.

## A SURPRISE.

## MEN'S NEW DEMAND.

LONDON, Aug. 17.

At to-day's conference the executives of the railwaymen's unions introduced a new feature, viz., a demand for the reinstatement of all the men who have been dismissed.

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